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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego Airports Division (County Airports) is circulating for public review a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project described below. The Draft PEIR can be viewed at the Department of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Services Unit, 5469 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 305, San Diego, CA, 92123; at the Gillespie Field Airport, 1960 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon, CA, 92020; at the El Cajon Branch Library at 201 E. Douglas Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92020-4561, and online at <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/environment/envrnsvcs.html>.

Project Title: GILLESPIE FIELD 70-ACRE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, SCH No. 2005111092

The County proposes the redevelopment of the Proposed Project site (a vacant 70-acre site) located in the southeastern corner of the 757-acre Gillespie Field property with aviation uses. This redevelopment would alleviate the existing unmet demand for based aviation support facilities. Redevelopment would include construction of facility improvements by the County (i.e., new taxiways, apron area, drainage facilities, and utility facilities), and aviation-use development by private developers (e.g., rectangular and T-hangar spaces, conventional hangar space, aircraft tie-downs, an apron area, automobile parking, aircraft maintenance space, and aviation office and business space). County Airports is the Lead Agency for the infrastructure improvements described above. County Airports is also responsible for issuing a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) to allow private developers an equal opportunity to bid for development space for aviation use. All development proposed by private developers would be subject to aviation leases between the County and the developer. The City of El Cajon will be the Lead Agency for all subsequent proposed private aviation development by private developers that would require permits from the City. Private developers will be responsible for complying with the City of El Cajon plans and regulations and completing the required environmental review necessary for the approval of their individual projects.

Redevelopment of the Proposed Project site with aviation uses is consistent with land use planning documents, and will bring the County into compliance with federal grant assurances by adhering to the FAA requirements to develop the site to aviation use in accordance with the "highest and best use" for the property.

Significant Environmental Effects

Significant environmental effects of the project may occur to: Biological Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Traffic and Transportation. All significant environmental effects would be mitigated below the level of significance with the exception of Traffic due to existing congested roadway conditions along Bradley Avenue at the State Route-67 interchange.

Public Review and Comments

The public review period runs from September 15, 2011 to October 31, 2011. Written comments on the Draft PEIR must be received no later than Monday October 31, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Comments should be addressed to Jeff Kashak, and can be sent to him by mail at 5469 Kearny Villa Road Suite 305, San Diego, CA 92123, or by e-mail at Jeff.Kashak@sdcounty.ca.gov, or by fax at (858) 874-4043.

The Public Review Open House will be held on October 5, 2011, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Gillespie Field Airport Administration Building, 1960 Joe Crosson Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Kashak at (858) 874-4056.